

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/656,039	HULL ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jean A Gelin	2681	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/8/03, 2/4/05 & 1/23/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13, 41, 14-16, 42, 17-20, 43, 21-24, 44, 25-35, 37-40, 45, 36, 46, 47-72, renumbered as 1-72 respectively.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 September 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>1/27/05</u> | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the Supplemental amendments filed on October 17, 2005. A supplemental amendment was filed April 08, 2003 in which claims 7, 17, and 21 have been amended, and claims 25-72 have been added, a Supplemental amendments filed on February 04, 2005 in which claims 25, 36, 47, 52, and 57 have been amended, and another supplemental filed January 23, 2006 in which claims 17, 21, 25, 36, 47, 52, and 57 have been amended. All amendments have been considered and entered in the application file. Claims 1-72 are currently pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. After a further search and thorough examination of the present application and in view of the applicant's arguments and amendments, claims 1-13, 41, 14-16, 42, 17-20, 43, 21-24, 44, 25-35, 37-40, 45, 36, 46, 47-72, renumbered as 1-72 respectively, are found to be in condition of allowance.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the cited prior arts teach transmitting a taken picture to a large storage medium at another place through the use of a telephone line.

As per claims 1-24, and 41-44 on the other hand, the Applicant teaches, inter alia, a portable image transfer system including a return link for receiving commands from the receiving station to the CPU. This limitation, in conjunction with all limitations of the independent and dependent claims, has not been disclosed, taught, or made obvious over the prior art of record.

As per claims 25-72, the Applicant teaches a link for receiving commands from the receiving station, wherein the output data is transmitted to the receiving station when the receiving station transmit a first command to the portable image transfer or the cellular telephone. This limitation, in conjunction with all limitations of the independent and dependent claims, has not been disclosed, taught, or made obvious over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean A. Gelin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7842. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Banks-Harold Marsha can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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JEAN GELIN
PRIMARY EXAMINER

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April 7, 2006

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Alband Gelin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name and title.